

to the specification and various rejections of the claims pending in this patent application. The substitute specification filed in this matter on April 30, 2007, has been objected to under 35 U.S.C. §132(a) because it is considered to introduce new matter into the disclosure, in the third paragraph of page 3. Claims 13, 19 and 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, because these claims are considered to contain subject matter that was not adequately described in the original specification. Claims 11 to 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, because these claims are considered to be indefinite for stated reasons. Claims 11 to 16 and 18 to 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over a proposed combination of U.S. Patent No. 4,947,942 (Lightle et al.) and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0172256 (Euvrard), and a patent to Makris et al. (US 5,941,705) has additionally been cited for purposes of rejecting dependent claim 17.

Noting that the Office Action of July 31, 2007, has been made final, and in view of the limitations imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.116, a continuation-in-part application has been filed to proceed with prosecution of the subject matter of the present U.S. Patent Application.

The continuation-in-part application has been filed in view of the limitations imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.116, and is not to be construed as applicant's acquiescence in the objection to

the specification or the rejections of claims stated in the Office Action of July 31, 2007, which are hereby respectfully traversed, or a disclaimer of any subject matter presented in the above-identified U.S. Patent Application.

Appropriate reconsideration of the above-identified U.S. Patent Application is respectfully requested, and corresponding action is earnestly solicited.

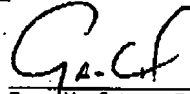
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